

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A water sorptive product [~~which is~~] comprising a wet-laid web of a superabsorbent polymer and fiber wherein the superabsorbent polymer is partially neutralized wherein the neutralization of the polymer is conducted after mixing the polymer with the fiber during the wet-laid process of making a web, wherein the product exhibits a superior centrifuge retention capacity property.

2. (Original) The water sorptive product of claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent polymer has a degree of neutralization less than about 80 mol %.

3. (Previously presented) The water sorptive product of claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent polymer comprising the reaction product of:

- (a) an olefinically-unsaturated acid selected from the group consisting of carboxylic acid, sulfonic acid, and mixtures thereof;
- (b) a compatible co-monomer for the acid of (a); and
- (c) a cross-linking agent;

said reaction product (i) being water insoluble and (ii) having carboxyl groups present therein, which carboxyl groups, when neutralized to their salt form, maintain the polymer as water insoluble and convert the polymer component into a superabsorbent polymer component.

4. (Original) The water sorptive product of claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent polymer is surface cross-linked.

5. (Original) The water sorptive product of claim 1, wherein the product has a centrifuge retention capacity property above 10 grams/gram.

6. (Original) The water sorptive product of claim 1, wherein the product has an absorbency under load property above about 13 grams/gram at about 20 grams/cm² (about 0.3 psi).

Claims 7-19 (Cancelled)